

DISTRACTIONS ON THE ROAD OF LIFE

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During my missionary trip to Pakistan, I saw in the busy city of Lahore, hundreds of cars, trucks, rickshaws, bicycles, motorcycles, bugs and donkeys running together in the roads and freeways of the town. A chaotic traffic followed by an intense noise of motors and

horns.

One morning, as we were heading to church, brother Arif the driver, tried to overtake a motorcycle ahead of us. He horned many times; however, the two folks would not allow us to get over. He insisted again and again, yet there was no response from them who remain slowly and relaxing in front of us. After a few minutes, finally, we got to move to the other line and finally we overtook the motorcycle. I was curious to know why they wouldn't make a way for us neither did they change lines. As I looked closer to the driver I got the answered; he had a headphone in both ears. That was the reason he could not listen to anything around him, for his radio volume covered any other sound.

When I got to the church to preach, I shared the occurrence and I asked them not to be like the two motorcycle riders. Instead, they should listen to the horn of God on the dangerous road of life. Indeed, they got the point I wanted to make and responded to my request with great enthusiasm. During the teachings their eyes and ears opened and they were attentive to what I said. After each meeting, most of them came asking me to pray for their needs and to receive Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. They did not imitate the biking!

GOD IS HORN TO HUMANKIND

The Scriptures teach us that God has warned humanity since the fall of Adam and Eve. Noah was the horn of God to his generation, and no one, but his family was listening. Lot, Abraham's nephew was the horn of God in Sodom and Gomorrah. No one listened. Only Lot and his two daughters were saved. Moses was a horn of God to Pharaoh and the Egyptians and yet they did not listen to him. Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah and many

other prophets were horns of God to Israel, and they did not listen to them and, as a result they ended up in captivity.

God came to earth in the person of Jesus and warned multitudes, and yet very few had listened to Him.

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;” Hebrew 1: 1-2

“Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” John 6: 60-68

And the Lord also made a call to people everywhere: “Then Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” Mark 4: 9

In our days the Holy Spirit is the horn of God to the church and to humanity.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will grant the right to eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God.” He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.” “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” “He who has an ear, let him hear.” Revelation 2: 07-11, 3: 6-9-13

Sometime in the future two witnesses of God will be speaking to humanity for 3 1/2 years and again people will not listen to them:

“And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth” Rev. 11: 3-10

God spoke in the past, has been speaking now and will speak in the future, clear and loud. However, the question is: Are you listening to his voice? Are you listening to his warnings? Or are you too entertaining with the tune of this world that you are unable to hear His counsel? Are you too attached in worldly passions and desires that you have no longer space for God’s words? Your eardrums are loaded with all types of sounds, and you can’t listen to his prophets?

You are on the road of life, driving in a dangerous and busy freeway where you can get destroyed by sin. Satan brings his noises and waves to distract you from God’s destiny for those who hear his voice. Jesus came on earth to give you eternal life. He died on the cross and rose again to pay for your sins. There is no other way. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

Please remove from your ears, whatever is distracting your attention from the Lord’s warning and listening to his voice. Jesus had said that his sheep is not deaf to his call: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”* Jesus answered them, *“I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. ...But you*

**Follow the example of Samuel
and be blessed:**

***"The LORD came and stood there,
calling as at the other times,
"Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel
said, "Speak, for your servant is
listening." I Samuel 3: 10***

*do not believe, because you are not
of My sheep, as I said to you. My
sheep hear My voice, and I know
them, and they follow Me. And I give
them eternal life, and they shall
never perish; neither shall anyone
snatch them out of My hand." John
10: 2-6; 25-28*

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